Empowered Group of Ministers (EGoM) in its meeting held on 5th April 2007, the State Governments have been informed on 15th June, 2007 that the Board of Approval will not approve any SEZs where the State Governments have carried out or propose to carry out compulsory acquisition of land for such SEZs after 5th April, 2007.

Statement

Sl.No.	State	Formal approvals	Notified SEZs
1.	Andhra Pradesh	96	56
2.	Chandigarh	2	2
3.	Andaman & Nicobar	-	-
4.	Chhattisgarh	1	-
5.	Delhi	2	1
6.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	4	-
7.	Goa	7	3
8.	Gujarat	47	23
9.	Haryana	44	24
10.	Himachal Pradesh	-	-
11.	Jharkhand	1	1
12.	Karnataka	48	24
13.	Kerala	16	8
14.	Madhya Pradesh	13	4
15.	Maharashtra	100	38
16.	Nagaland	2	-
17.	Orissa	10	4
18.	Pondicherry	1	-
19.	Punjab	9	2
20.	Rajasthan	8	5
21.	Tamil Nadu	62	42
22.	Uttar Pradesh	31	13
23.	Uttarakhand	3	2
24.	West Bengal	24	8
	TOTAL :	531	260

Core sector status to SEZs

475. SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has a proposal to give core sector status to SEZ developers to enable them to get easier access to fund at cheaper rates;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for such decision; and

(d) the details of financial implications, arising out of this decision for the Government and for SEZ developers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) to (d) As per available information, Reserve Bank of India has treated the exposure of commercial banks to entities for setting up Special Economic Zones (SEZs) as exposure to commercial real estate sector and accordingly banks would have to make provision as well as assign appropriate risk weights for such exposure.

Production and consumption of Indian tea

†476. SHRI SAMAN PATHAK: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the registered tea plantations in the country, State-wise, and the quantity of tea produced during each of the last three years from these tea plantations;

(b) the consumption of Indian tea in the country and abroad;

(c) whether the export of Darjeeling tea has increased in other countries after being patented; and

(d) the quantity of Darjeeling tea exported to other countries during the last three years and the revenue profit earned by Government from it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) The number of the registered tea plantations in the country, State-wise, and the quantity of tea produced during each of the last three years from these tea plantations are as under:-

State	No. of registered tea plantations	Production (Million Kgs)		
		2005	2006	2007
Assam	51605	487.49	502.04	479.92
West Bengal	9018	217.55	237.11	231.44
Others @	8630	13.38	14. 09	13.33
Total North India	69253	718.42	753.24	724.69
Tamil Nadu	68374	163.68	163.66	153.13
Kerala	5557	58.50	59.46	61.83
Karnataka	33	5.37	5.44	5.03
Total South India	73964	227.55	228.56	219.99
All Total	143217	945.97	981.81	944.68

@ Includes smaller States such as Tripura, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Sikkim, Nagaland, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Uttaranchal, Himachal Pradesh, Bihar and Orissa

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